

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE
EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 1
FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2019

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

ACS2019-CCS-GEN-0026

CITY-WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Information Technology Sub-committee recommend that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached at Document 1.

Councillor J. Sudds introduced this item, suggesting that the work of the City's IT Operations and of its Service Innovation group could be more efficient if they both reported to the IT Sub-Committee (ITSC), which could take a more focused and cohesive approach to governing the City's Smart City strategy.

She then moved the following:

MOTION N^o ITSC 01/01

Moved by Councillor J. Sudds:

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is committed to advancing Smart City 2.0, Ottawa's Smart City Strategy, as adopted by Council in November 2017; and

WHEREAS Smart City 2.0 is centred on three goals of achieving a Connected City, a Smart Economy, and an Innovative Government, with corresponding goals, initiatives and investments that will work to make Ottawa a smarter city than it is today; and

WHEREAS responsibility for the Smart City Strategy resides within the Service Innovation and Performance Department, which currently reports on its activities through the Finance and Economic Development

Committee; and

WHEREAS the Information Technology Sub-committee has an ongoing mandate to investigate information technology products and services that provide improved access to City services by the public, better communication with the public, and increased accountability to the public while protecting privacy, as well as enhancing management and oversight at the City of Ottawa in congruence with the City's fiscal framework; and

WHEREAS the Information Technology Sub-committee is a key forum for discussion on all the Corporation's information technology initiatives, with regular updates and reports from the General Manager of Service Innovation and Performance and the Chief Information Officer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Information Technology Sub-committee's mandate be amended to include "Smart City Strategy" in a revised mandate as follows:

"The Information Technology Sub-committee has an ongoing mandate to investigate information technology products and services, including initiatives that stem from the Smart City Strategy to provide improved access to City services by the public, enhanced connectivity throughout the city, and an economy that is strengthened by leveraging available and emerging technologies and products."

In response to a question from Vice-Chair Chiarelli as to how the Motion was consistent with Council's Motion (of 8 June 2016), recommending that the Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDC) be assigned governance over Smart City initiatives, Ms Donna Gray, General Manager, Service Innovation and Performance Department, explained that it would adapt and revise the ITSC's Terms of Reference, which would subsequently rise to FEDC (where the originating Motion regarding a Smart City was first considered) for FEDC's consideration, and subsequent approval by Council.

The Committee heard from Mr. Matthew Darwin*, who spoke in support of the Motion, and who offered suggestions to help improve the Sub-Committee's work, particularly with Open Data. *A copy of Mr. Darwin's comments are held on file with the City Clerk.

There being no further discussion, the above Motion was put before the Sub-Committee and was “CARRIED”, as presented. The report recommendation was then put before the Sub-Committee and was ‘CARRIED’, as amended by Motion N^o ITSC 01/01.

That the Information Technology Sub-committee recommend that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached at Document 1, as amended by the following:

That the Information Technology Sub-committee’s mandate be amended to include “Smart City Strategy” in a revised mandate as follows:

“The Information Technology Sub-committee has an ongoing mandate to investigate information technology products and services, including initiatives that stem from the Smart City Strategy to provide improved access to City services by the public, enhanced connectivity throughout the city, and an economy that is strengthened by leveraging available and emerging technologies and products.”

CARRIED, as amended